
Elijah ALDOUS (c. 1881-1917)

Elijah ALDOUS' link to Winfarthing is his marriage to a Winfarthing girl.

Elijah ALDOUS, son of Ephraim ALDOUS (c. 1842-c. 1919) and Maria KEABLE (c. 1843-c. 1920), was born circa 1881 in Old Buckenham, Norfolk.¹ He was baptised on 20 June 1886 in Old Buckenham, the ceremony was conducted by Rev. Richard YORKE, curate - parents Ephraim and Maria.²

He appeared in the census in 1891 at Church Lane in Old Buckenham - 10, scholar, living with parents Ephraim (49, agricultural labourer) and Maria (48), and brothers James (13, agricultural labourer) and Henry (7, scholar).³

On 31 Mar 1901, (the 1901 Census), he was living at Doe Lane in Old Buckenham - 20, labourer on road, living with parents Ephraim (59, labourer on road) and Maria (58), and siblings Mary (26) and Henry (17, labourer on road).⁴

Elijah and **Gertrude HOWLETT** had marriage banns published on 4 July 1909 in Old Buckenham - other dates were 11.07.1909 and 18.07.1909.⁵ He married her on 28 July 1909 in Winfarthing, Norfolk - after banns. The marriage was witnessed by Mary ALDOUS and William HOWLETT. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. D. H. KEPPEL.⁶

He appeared in the census in 1911 at Mill Road in Banham, Norfolk - 30, roadman, living with wife Gertrude (23), children Dorothy Rosa (1) and William Ephraim (under 1 mo), and servant Elizabeth CRACKNELL (47, nurse).⁷ In 1915 the Electoral Register showed him living at New Buckenham Road in Banham - an occupational voter.

Elijah died on 10 April 1917 in France - from the battle diaries of the 4th Battalion Middlesex Regiment, they were engaged in the Battle of Arras, First Battle of the Scarpe, from 9th to 14th April 1917, with the capture of Monchy-le-Preux on 11th April 1917. He is commemorated at Level Crossing Cemetery, Fampoux. - ALDOUS, Pte. E., G/50524. 4th Bn. Middlesex Regt. 10th April, 1917. Age 35. Husband of Gertrude Taylor (formerly Aldous), of Manor Farm, The Heywood, Winfarthing, Diss, Norfolk. I. A. 25. [CWGC].

Notes:

No service records have been found for Elijah, maybe they were in the 60% of service documents documents lost in the fire bombings of London in 1940.

Spouse and children:

Gertrude HOWLETT, daughter of William HOWLETT (c. 1855-) and Rosa LEAPER (c. 1857-), was born circa 1888 in Winfarthing. She married Arthur A TAYLOR circa 1917 - she didn't waste any time after Elijah's death to re-marry.⁸ She died circa 1956 in Tibenham, Norfolk. She and Elijah ALDOUS had the following children:

Dorothy Rosa ALDOUS (c. 1910-)

William Ephraim ALDOUS (c. 1911-)

Sources

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